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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending unchanged in the West, lower elsewhere when compared to early week. Trade sentiment was steady in the West, steady to weak elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was light to instances fairly good, slightly better where features were in progress. Supplies ranged no more than adequate to fully adequate, mostly available for the light and selective interest. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for late-week trading. Breast items were mixed, but at least adequate with limited interest. Wings remained close balanced to tight and continued to move well. Dark meat items were mostly sufficient. In productions areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights varied, but were mostly desirable.

<u>Preliminary Report</u> Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 29-SEP-2008 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Includ	duct)	WTD					
<u>AREAS</u>	MAJORITY	RANGE	<u>AVG</u>	LOADS			
Delivered to Fir	st Receivers						
Chicago	60.00-66.00	56.00-73.25	63.72	22			
New York	64.00-67.00						
Los Angeles	96.00						
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent							
Mississippi	85.00-88.00	66.00-93.00	86.78	90			

<u>GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES</u> Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 88.00 cents based on icepacked USDA grade "A" sized 2 ½ to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

		EQUIV	ALENI
LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRE	LIM. WTD. AVG
893	79.75-88.75	87	7.47
Georgia f.o.b.	dock confirmed	preliminary weighted	average price on ice-
packed parts:		WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CEN	NTS PER POUND)	(000) POUNDS)
LINE RUN TE	NDERS	175.00	984
BREASTS - B	/S	140.50	4,653
BREASTS - W	/HOLE	82.50	1,079
THIGH MEAT	- B/S	130.50	981
THIGHS		63.00	559
DRUMSTICKS	3	72.00	659
LEG QUARTE	RS	56.00	6,064
WINGS		99.50	2,110
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This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

<u>SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER</u> Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to fair with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair for late-week trading. Breast items were adequate to available with mixed interest. Wings were in the best position with supplies in close balance to short. Dark meat items were sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best entering the weekend as most dealers remained cautious and limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were available and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, wings were in good balance to well cleared. Boneless skinless breast items were noted as slightly more available; bone-in breast and most dark meat cuts at least sufficient for current needs.

<u>WESTERN REGION</u> Preliminary majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Early trading reported at generally unchanged prices. Offerings were in close balance to adequate. Heavy weights in the longest position and small sizes were held with a degree of confidence. Retailer demand was fairly good, best where featured. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

MIDWEST BOILER/FRYER Preliminary majority delivered whole fryer prices for next week's trade into the Chicago market decreased. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to weak. Trade interest was very light and cautious for the mixed offerings. Retail and food service movement remained slow to moderate at best; reports of occasional fairly good fill-in into sports bars, fast food, and catering. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights mostly desirable to heavy. In pats trade wings continued to receive strong interest on short supplies, other parts were available with a more limited and cautious inquiry and trade. Trade sentiment was mostly firm on wings, tenderloins were steady and all other parts were barely steady to weak.

<u>DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued light to fair entering the weekend. Seller offerings ranged fully adequate to readily available with some discounting reported. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 66 to 80 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were mixed, but noted as at least sufficient for trade needs. Wings were in good balance and moving satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S.GRADE A

	56-87
GE	(A)
	(A)
09/22/08 - 09/26/08	(A)
09/24/07 - 09/28/07	(A)
09/22/08 - 09/26/08	(A)
09/24/07 - 09/28/07	(A)
	09/24/07 - 09/28/07 09/22/08 - 09/26/08

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

SEP 25 **SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

SEP 26

59.19

Р	OUNDS	}		WTD	POUND	S		WTD	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
<u>ITEM</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	TO	OO FEW TO I	REPORT		331	98.00-186.00	-	117.81	1,905	118.40
TENDERLOINS	141 1	10.00-192.00) -	115.73	T	OO FEW TO R	EPORT		801	111.62
BREAST - LINE RUN	TO	OO FEW TO I	REPORT		T	OO FEW TO R	EPORT		294	66.83
FRONT HALVES	TO	OO FEW TO I	REPORT		T	OO FEW TO R	EPORT		280	64.39
LEGS	172	64.00-71.00	67-69	68.05	T	OO FEW TO R	EPORT		771	67.50
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	436	50.00-56.00) -	53.26	396	50.00-56.00	-	53.54	2,126	53.38
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	927	51.00-57.00) -	54.49	887	52.00-58.00	-	54.38	4,441	54.70
WINGS (WHOLE)	TO	OO FEW TO I	REPORT		T	OO FEW TO R	EPORT		512	83.03
WINGS (CUT)	TO	OO FEW TO I	REPORT		106	92.00-103.00	-	98.85	522	97.41
DRUMSTICKS	TO	OO FEW TO I	REPORT		T	OO FEW TO R	EPORT		150	58.27
THIGHS	TO	OO FEW TO I	REPORT		T	OO FEW TO R	EPORT		88	57.33
B/S THIGHS	TO	OO FEW TO I	REPORT		95	115.00-131.00	-	117.53	415	120.24
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASE	ED ON S	OUTHERN STA	ATES PARTS TR	ADING	WHOLE	BODY INDEX B	ASED ON SOU	THERN STA	ATES PARTS	TRADING
– F.O.B. DOCK.					– F.O.B.	DOCK.				
		RANGE	TODAY'S AV	<u>ERAGE</u>		RANGE	TODAY'S AV	/ERAGE	5-DAY	<u>AVERAGE</u>

The index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

55.00-61.50

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity was light to no better than fair entering weekend. Boneless skinless breasts were slightly more available with light movement; bone-in breasts and most dark meat cuts were at least sufficient for current needs. Wings were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was fully steady for wings; generally steady for the balance of items.

59.63

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

SEP 25							SEP	26
	CURRENT NEG	WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD		WEEKLY	WEEKLY
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	119.09	641,960	120-125	112.80	456,080	116.43	2,611,085
TENDERLOINS	120-125	118.88	150,160	120-125	124.96	153,120	123.37	617,740
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	71.16	139,360	62-63	74.23	103,240	71.22	592,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	64.84	57,600	62	64.88	59,400	64.93	284,400
LEGS	71-72	71.00	152,000	71-72	72.50	131,000	72.25	668,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	54-55	54.09	290,920	54-55	56.16	165,280	54.13	1,353,600
DRUMSTICKS	65-66	75.08	51,120	65-66	74.51	69,360	75.63	268,400
THIGHS	60-61	74.24	37,040	60-61	72.71	56,800	73.07	240,280
B/S THIGHS	128-129	129.84	34,480	128-129	130.77	42,220	130.48	276,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	97-98	101.96	149,680	97-98	104.09	120,420	100.27	704,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STR	IPPED) 12-14	15.00	12,320	12-14	14.90	15,360	14.98	67,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	42.12	10,000	40-45	40.00	800	41.92	46,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.62	17,480	50-55	53.75	10,560	54.24	91,440

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M. ** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS) AVG								
	ESTIN	//ATED	AC	TUAL	AVG	AVG WTS		WTS
	(1,	(000)	(1,	,000)			(1,000)	
	09/26	09/25	09/24	09/23	09/24	09/23	09/19	09/17
Alabama	3,938	4,219	4,202	4,166	5.38	5.43	4,133	5.39
Arkansas	4,372	5,151	5,290	5,258	5.62	5.76	4,283	5.62
Delmarva	2,318	2,209	2,248	2,246	5.99	6.14	2,362	5.86
KY-LA-TN	2,159	2,284	2,081	2,283	5.20	5.20	2,136	5.18
Mississippi	3,056	3,043	3,030	3,043	5.76	5.87	3,200	5.83
North Carolina	2,938	2,853	2,790	2,737	6.87	6.91	2,801	6.83
Texas	2,575	2,571	2,653	2,590	5.36	5.41	3,478	5.57
Total	21,356	22,330	22,294	22,323	5.72	5.80	22,393	5.73
Mon-Fri 1	10,040	(A)					110,855 (A	١)
Saturday	200	(included	in total	for date s	hown)		1,589	
(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.								
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Sep-08 and 27-Sep-08 is								
estimated to be 31,951,000 head down 4.92 percent from a week ago and down -								
10.73 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33.603.000 last year 35.703.000)								

57.00 - 62.00

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Sep-08 and 27-Sep-08 is estimated to be 31,951,000 head down 4.92 percent from a week ago and down - 10.73 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,603,000, last year 35,793,000) Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 27-Sep-08 is estimated to be 164,801,000 head down 0.66 percent from a week ago, and down 5.20 percent from a year ago. (Last week 165,893,000, last year 173,849,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS RANGE

57.90

FRESH FRYERS 109-119
ROASTERS 4# & UP 125-135
HENS UNDER 5#
HENS OVER 5#
DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	MANGE
ICE PACK	159
DRY PACK	123
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	117
ICE PACK	114
DRY PACK	112
	235-252
	DRY PACK ICE PACK DRY PACK ICE PACK

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

Week ending 20 Sept 2008 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)			
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs			
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total		
Head	39,428	78,371	27,591	20,503	165,893		
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.31	6.73	8.15	5.56		
% of total /1	24%	47%	17%	12%	100%		
Comparisons							
Last week	44,733	82,495	21,465	18,944	167,637		
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.38	6.77	8.16	5.46		
% of total /1	27%	49%	13%	11%	100%		
Year Ago 2/	36,676	89,522	31,019	13,160	170,377		
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.37	7.06	8.24	5.58		
% of total /1	22%	52%	18%	8%	100%		
To date/2008	1,611,712	3,031,711	923,542	671,975	6,238,940		
To date/2007	1,638,716	3,073,666	988,715	411,691	6,112,788		
/1 May not total	/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.						

/2 Comparable week.

- Weight Class Description:
- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 20-SEP-2008 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	IOIAL	
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS
		TH	OUSAND)S	
Head	165,893	1,179	1,890	3,069	450
Avg Wt	5.56	3.13	7.76	5.98	6.75
Last week	167,637	1,358	1,769	3,127	438
Same wk yr ago	170,377	1,102	1,548	2,650	515
Avg Wt	5.58	3.36	8.23	6.20	6.90
To-date/2008	6,238,940	52,471	61,594	114,065	16,685
To-date/2007	6,112,788	41,900	55,095	96,995	19,064
Ready-to-Cook	Weight and	Dressing	Percenta	age	
Current week	687,162	1,882	9,533	11,415	2,217
Last week	681,897	2,223	8,934	11,157	2,165
Same wk yr ago	708,274	1,888	8,281	10,169	2,594
Dressing %	74.5%	51.0%	65.0%		73.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.9 million head, or 5.1 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO

*ACTUAL

ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.							
	MILLION	I HEAD					
WEEK ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT			
Aug 16	169.3	166.7	102%	5.51			
23	169.4	165.0	103%	5.49			
30	170.7	163.7	104%	5.53			
Sept 6	146.7	161.6	91%	5.67			
13	169.7	161.8	105%	5.46			
20	167.9	162.8	103%	5.56			
Year to date	6,314.8	6,336.5	100%				
Sept 27		163.0					
Oct 4		161.9					
BROILER/CATT	LE/HOG WEEKLY	ESTIMATED	SLAUG	HTER			

<u>Under</u>	<u>Federal</u>	Inspection
		NIDO

IHOUSANDS							
W/E	09/27/08	09/20/08	%CHG	09/29/07	%CHG		
Broilers	164,801	165,893	66	173,849	-5.20		
Cattle	647	686	-06	656	-01		
<u>Hogs</u>	2,363	2,335	-02	2,220	+06		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 22 SEPT 2008

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	193-197	198-204
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	172-192	178-196
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP,

DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND **RANGE** MOSTLY ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 68.29-77.25 73.00-77.00 VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 73.00-87.00 77.00-87.00 SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN,

PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ. 64.80 - 89.91 71.28 - 101.25 14 OZ. 16 OZ. 77.04 - 112.08

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment continued steady with a firm undertone noted. Demand ranged moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate. Schedules were full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$7.15-8.20, bone in legs at \$2.35-2.95, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.70-.75, livers at \$1.25-1.95, and feet at \$.65-1.45.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 22-SEPL-2008

FRESH ORIGIN **FROZEN** MIDWEST AND OTHERS 168-195 165-198 MOSTLY

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION SALE

DATE OF AUCTION: SEPT 23, 2008 **ALPAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY**

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Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	F	RAI	NGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.10	-	1.25
Doves		-	2.50 ea.
Pekin Ducks	.50	-	1.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.35	-	.45
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50	-	.60
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50	-	.70
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90	-	1.00
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.70	-	.75
Guinea Fowl		-	1.75
Banty Roosters	2.00	-	2.50 ea.
Banty Hens	1.00	-	1.50 ea.
Leghorn Hens	.25	-	1.00 ea.
Silkies	.25	-	1.00 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.25	-	.30
Pigeons	.35		1.15 ea.
White Pigeons	3.25		4.10 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.40		1.70
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.00	-	1.20
Bunnies	.50	-	3.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.25	-	2.00 ea.
Kid Goats	20.00	-	00.00 00.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20	-	1.30

Total Coops Sold 510

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were sufficient for current requirements. Demand was fair to at least moderate with limited trading due to most available supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was at least steady.

Cents per pound, current negotiations, without freight cost

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW TO REPORT HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW TO REPORT

Cents per pound, current negotiation, freight cost included

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LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 (POUNDS)

EASTERN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for the generally adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of light fowl. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

RANGE

RANGE

MAJORITY

MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

REMOVAL COST

3-12

4-8

TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand mostly moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

REMOVAL COST RANGE 0-10.5

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB. GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-SEP-08

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was light and TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were increased. Finished sales improved to a moderate call for dressed stocks. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

<u>SOUTHEAST HEAVY</u> Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was at least moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING AT FARM PRODUCES LOADING FOB PLANT

TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT

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MAJORITY

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